GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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LATEST EQUIPMENT FOR SECURITY FORCES TO FIGHT TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to provide Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles (MRAP) to security forces fighting Naxalism in disturbed areas as reported in `Statesman` dated March 16, 2008;

(b) if so, whether the Government has since procured such vehicles;

(c) whether the security forces fighting Naxalism in disturbed areas are not equiped with the latest and sophisticated weapons thereby causing problems in tackling Naxalism; and

(d) if so, the strategy likely to be adopted in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): Under the scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF scheme), assistance is being provided to State Governments for equipment, weaponry, mobility, communication, training, police housing and buildings, forensic science and other infrastructure. This includes assistance for specialized weapons, equipment and vehicles (including mine protected vehicles).